(b) The prices of petroleum products have been raised on several occasions when crude prices in international markets have increased in the past years. However, these increases have been much less than the increases required corresponding to prices of crude in the international market.

During 2006, retail price of petrol and diesel have been increased only once. Retail prices of petrol and diesel were increased only partially and not in line with the then prevailing international oil prices. No increase has been made in retail prices of PDS kerosene and domestic LPG.

The Indian basket of crude oils was at about $ 67/ bbl when the last increase in prices of petrol and diesel in June 2006 was made. The prices went up to $ 75/ bbkl in August this year. The Government, however, did not raise the domestic retail prices and the additional burden was borne by the Government and the oil PSUs.

(c) The current retail selling prices of sensitive petroleum products at Delhi are given as under:

Petrol	Rs. 46.85/Litre
Diesel	Rs. 32.25/Litre
Domestic LPG	Rs. 294.75/Cylinder
PDS kerosene	Rs. 9.09/Litre

Exodus of employees in public sector oil companies

663. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of public sector oil companies are quitting their job;

(b) if so, the number of employees quitting during the last five years;

(c) whether Government have counterchecked the reasons for it; and

(d) what are the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) As intimated by the

major oil Public Sector Undertakings, the details of employees who have quit during the last five years are as under:

Name of the Oil PSU	No. of employees that quit the company
IOCL	1056
BPCL	501
HPCL	885
GAIL	91
ONGC	1780
OIL	1032

(c) and (d) The various steps initiated by the PSUs to retain talent *inter-alia* include:

(i) recognition of talent

(ii) adequate career growth opportunities

(iii) specialized training for development of business skills

(iv) development of new competencies/capabilities

(v) empowerment and proper placement for better commitment and motivation.

Wind Power Projects of ONGC

644. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. is planning to install the wind power projects in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to become functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has reported that they plan to develop two power projects of 50 MW capacity, one each in Gujarat and Karnataka during the period 2007-08.